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# CATRON'S TO THE WOOL

One of Strongest And Most Eloquent Addresses Delivered at Convention.

The speech of Hon. T. B. Catron was one of the features of the Wool Growers' convention this week, and it was greeted with great applause. As, Catron is one of the most fluent orators in New Mexico and his ideas were advanced in such a remarkably alrong manner that they won the hearty approval of the big audience. The speech is as follows:

Mr. Catron's Speech.

"Mr. president, gentlemen of the worl directle association and fellow citizens, there is no more laudable object; there is nothing better could have been done than that you should have formed this association to look after your own interest and could have been done than that you should have formed this association to look after your own interest and welfare of the sheep producers, if you had not done it no one else would have done it for you. Every industry in the United States has taken steps to look after its own welfare, basing their actions upon the ground that these associations have their welfare and best interests at heart and are the best able to look after them. It is very important to increase your association to add intensity to it and bring it before the whole people who are interested as sheep growers. You should take into your fold and into your association every man who owns any sheep or who is interested in wool or producing wool, you should build up this protection and you should have in every portion of the territory people who will take an interest in the affairs of the wool grower and the sheep raiser, to work for the association.

Territory's Greatest Industry. "It has been said here that this is the largest industry in this territory; that is doubtless true at this present that is doubtless true at this present time, while we don't want the interests of the wool grower to fall backwards, we want the other interests to grow forward. There are other interests which should pass yours, while not injuring you. We have large mining interests; the mountains of New Mexico are full of mineral wealth and our valleys have placer diggings that are large and we have a desire to have progress. We hope the mineral wealth and other interests of the territory will progress in wealth producing power while we hope you may increase yours.

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Jacob's Sheep.

"This sheep producing industry is the oldest industry in the world. We are told in the Bible that Jacob was a sheep herder; that he herded sheep for his father in law and that he made a very sharp bargain with his father-in-law on one occasion by which he proceeded to procure all of the pick of his father-in-law's sheep the manner in which he did it is a lost art; it is told that he succeeded in changing the color of all the young sheep; that he made a contract with his father-in-law for taking care of the sheep on the shares, that he should have all the flock that should have stripes on them, and he made them all come out that way.

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them, and he made them all come out that way.

"I have often thought that a bad translation in the Bible, that they must have been talking about goats, that they couldn't change sheep that way; but if they could, the art which Jacob possessed has been long since lost. Passing on we must come down to the present time practices of the sheep industry in the United States.

"The sheep product in the United

policy of leasing the public range. We believe that these people should be treated as the people heretofore in the United States have been treated, since our government was formed. All of the territories to the east of us were turned loose to the people and occupied from the time of the formation of this government down to the present time.

Will be Protected. "If people want to go upon this land as settlers they are invited to come there by the government, they are insured by the government that they will receive protection while they remain there, laws were given by the by the government and they

Governor is All Right.

"As to the governor it does not need me to say anything to you, for you to know that your interests are in goed hands while they rest with him. You know from the governor's expressions that he will not allow you to be interfered with in the use of the public lands if he can help it. It might be that the public lands can be more beneficially used than for the grazing industry, that the public domain can be used more for the general welfare of the people of the territory. All of those who are coming here for the purpose of taking up the public land United States.

"The sheep product in the United States amounts to about three hundred million pounds, that is, the wool amounts to that; the number of sheep is between forty and fifty million head. There is introduced into the United States from foreign countries, about two hundred million pounds of wool; so that we produce about three fifths of the product of wool which we consume; we export no wool except about five million pounds from the United States to foreign countries, we consume it all here.

Last Year's Product.

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Last Year's Product.

"The sheep product in the United States for taking up the public iand and opening it and living there on the as fellow citizens, is what we want. Now, you have got to look out for your interests. You can't turn that homesteader back, you want him to come, but you have got to look out as to your own lands that they are reserved to you, to that certain extent, you have it within your power, you should have the herders and members of your family and every one you can induce to go out upon this land and opening it and living there on the specific of the territory. All of the public in the public iand and opening it and living there on the staining up the public iand and opening it and living there on the specific of taking up the public iand and opening it and living there on the want we want. Now, you have got to look out as to your own lands that they are reserved to you, to that certain extent, you have it within your power, you should have the herders and members of your family and every one you can induce to go out with the public iand and opening it and living there on the world in the public iand and opening it and living there on the world in the public iand and opening it and living the Isst Year's Product.

'Tilbe entire product of wool in the world in the year of 1966 was about two billion, six hundred million pounds. Of that amount we produced less than one-eighth, while we consume one-fifth part of it. We are the great consumers of the world in whatever industry it may be, in whatever we engage, the whatever is brought before the public for use, the American people use more than any other people per man, and this is shown, that while we possess about seventy-five million or eighty million people in the United States out of the one billion, five hundred million people of the world, or about one-twentieth of the peoplation of the whole world, yet take the item of wool alone and we use one-fifth of the entire product, that is to say, we use four times as much wool to the man as all the other people of the world use to the man.

Consumers and Producers.

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"But we do not want people to come here not friendly to the na-tive sheep herder and ranchman; we do not want the newcomer to crowd out the native people of this

the man as all the other people of the world use to the man.

Consumers and Producers.

"We are consumers and we are producers, and therefore, we must look after our welfare. Great Britzafin alone and her colonies, produce 339 million pounds of wood each year. The Argentine Republic, which possesses less than one-sixth of our area in territory, produces three hundred and sevenly million pounds of wood each year. Russia, in Europe and Asia including Poland, usuality produces about four hundred and forty million pounds of wood each year, while we produce only about three hundred million pounds; we are fourth in the rank of producers of wool and first in the rank of the amount of wool used.

"The result of this is that while other countries can export their wool and sell it to us and take back the money for it to their countries, we are not able to export wool and bring back money from the country as a return from it; but this is better for us if we take care of our industries. To do that, we have get to look after legislation, we have get to look after legislation, we have get to look after her sheep themselves, see that they don't deteriorate in quality or value. We have get to look after legislation, we have got to look after our ranches and get the value of our ranches and produced to the ranch of the wool and that while the ranch

of the wool.

Will Reduce Price.

"If you allow the tariff to be removed from wool and you reduce our wool to that price, then you moved from wool and you reduce our wool to that price, then you have got to add to the value of the wool, or take from the value of the wool, rather, the transportation from there to the Atlantic ocean, which will be two and a half cents a pound probably, so that you will never be able to get exceeding six or seven cents a pound for the best wool. And you reduce the value of sheep from three and a half to five dollars per head down to 50 cents and 75 cents per head. Your wool will be become so valueless that it will not pay you for shearing it, baling and hauling to market. The result will be ruined. You must keep the tariff on wool, you will do it, because the party in power today is a protective party, the party which believes in protecting all of the entire people in the United States; it doesn't believes in protecting iron, cotton, hides, it believes in protecting fron, cotton, hides, it believes in protecting iron, cotton, hides, it believes in injuring anything. It believes in protecting iron, cotton, hides, it believes in protecting iron, cotto

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